

To the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, Governor Lamont, Representative Palm and Senator Needleman

I am writing to express my firm opposition to all of the text in Governor Lamont's proposed SB16.

This bill further encroaches on the second amendment right of law abiding citizens while doing nothing to address gun violence or juvenile crime.

Most specifically:

I am firmly opposed to ANY expansion of the state's grievous "Assault Weapon" ban. A ban on firearms based on looks and "features" that will - and has - done *nothing* except punish law abiding gun owners who use these tools for many law-abiding, necessary and constitutionally protected reasons.

I am firmly opposed to limiting or restricting the manufacture and ownership of privately made firearms. "Ghost gun", like "Assault Weapon" is a made up term designed by politicians and the media to frighten the uneducated on firearms.

I am firmly opposed to any modification or removal of citizens right to carry a firearm for the purpose of protection or defense on my person and any expansion of so-called "Gun Free Zones". Since criminals and people intent on doing harm target these areas since they are soft targets. Then, when something inevitably happens in one of these Gun Free Zones, anti-gun groups, media and politicians can use these tragedies as an excuse to further strip away our fundamental rights.

I urge you to stop putting forward these "do something" laws and use the laws we already have to put criminals behind bars.

Do not continue to try to make law-abiding citizens into felons because they choose to utilize a fundamental right that you may not agree with.

Our governor is extremely out of touch on this issue and the thoughts of voters of this state. Many of these voters are new gun owners of varying politics, racial lines, genders and gender identities will remember the votes of you all here in future elections.

The events of the last two years and current crisis in the Ukraine as well as other parts of the world have woken up many in this country to the very relevant reason the second amendment exists - and why the founding fathers included it in such a prominent position in our bill of rights. They also made sure to add that it *Shall Not Be Infringed* - a distinction no other amendment has.

Thank You.

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